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ROBBER HOLDS UP BANK BRANCH AND FLEES WITH \$1,000

Cashier of Georgia Avenue Institution, Facing Pistol, Turns Over Cash.

BANDIT FORCES MOTORIST TO SPEED HIM TO SAFETY

Escapes Shot Fired by Cashier in Second Bank Robbery in History of District. _

A lone robber held up the cashier of a branch of the People's Commercial and Savings Bank, at 3608 Georgia avenue today, and made away with about \$1,000 in ten and twenty-dollar bills, effecting his escape by forcing a passing automobilist to carry him away.

Entering the bank at 11:45 o'clock following a conversation with President J. T. Clancy earlier in the morning, the robber pointed a pistol at Ernest L. Brown, the cashier. "Don't move, and pass me over all

the ten and twenty-dollar bills you have." he ordered. have," he ordered.

Cashier Erown shoved over a roll of bills, which the robber took, backing out to the front door. He dropped two twenty-dollar bills in his hurry.

"Don't shoot or shout," he warned the officials behind the counter. "I have a friend on guard outside who is as good a shot as you."

was passing in an automobile.
"This is an emergency case," cried
the man, leveling his revolver at
Clemmer. "I want to go to the hos-He dropped his gun, but immediately recovered it, and stepped into the car, forcing Mr. Clemmer to drive him away. At 14th street and Columbia road the robber ordered Clemmer to stop the car, and got out, walking away swiftly up 14th street.

Mr. Clemmer sped to the tenth precinct and told the officers there of what had occurred, not knowing at the time of the robbery.

Police Take Lip Hunt.

Police Take Up Hunt.

Mrs. N. C. Rogers of 3600 Georgia avenue and Charles Williams, em-ployed there, witnessed the shot fired after the fleeling robber by Cashier Brown and believed the bullet failed to hit the man. Report of the robbery immediately brought Inspector Daniel Sullivan. hrought Inspector Daniel Sullivan, acting chief of detectives, and Detectives Pratt and Darnell to the scene of the robbery. The man was described to be between twenty-two described to be between twenty-two and twenty-five years old, by various people who saw him, about 5 feet 9 inches, slender build, sallow complexn, dressed in a dark blue suit, dark edora hat and a black tie

Capt. Judge was sitting in his automobile in front of the station and rushed to the scene with Officers Mohler, Hoover, North, Talbert and Smoot. Police said that the robbery today was the second bank robbery in the history of the National Capital, the other having occurred about a year are at the Munsey Trust Company when a man declared to have been weak-minded attempted to rob that institution, but failed in his attempt.

BUREAU HEAD NAMED.

Capt. William A. Moffett Nomi-

nated by President Harding today to be chief of the Navy Department's bureau of aeronautics, with the rank

50-50 BILL LAID OVER.

Senator King Objects to Measure Being Taken Up.

When the Jones bill to restore the half-and-half plan of appropriating for the District of Columbia was reached during consideration of the Senate calendar today, Senator King of Utah objected to its being taken

up and the bill went over. Senator Jones gave notice, however, that when the bill was reached the next time the calendar was taken up he would move to take up the bill, and insist upon some action on it.

The bill proposing to establish daylight saving for the District so far as government departments and the

CABLE PRIVILEGE ASKED.

Western Union Wants Concessions Into Germany.

BERLIN, July 17 .- In addition to ne-BERLIN, July 17.—In addition to ne-gotiations between the imperial au-thorities and representatives of the Mackay Company regarding the lay-ing of a direct cable between Ger-many and the United States, the Lokal Anzeiger says similar con-cessions have been requested by the Western Union and the Commercial Cable companies. companies

The newspaper adds that negotia-tions also are proceeding with two American companies for the establishment of an American wireless sta-

Shell Shock Revived By Clap of Thunder

Patient Has Aphasia NEW YORK, July 18 .- A sudden clap of thunder in last Friday's storm is believed by physicians to have revived shellshock symptoms in Lieut. George Hamon of Ardmore, Okla., who is being treated in a hospital here today.

Lieut. Hamon was found wan-dering in Weehawken, N. J., a victim of aphasia. A letter in his pocket addressed to a rela-tive in Ardwore by the lieuten-ant, said physicians had warned him that a sudden noise might bring about a recurrence of his aliment contracted in France. ailment contracted in France. Lieut. Hamon is a nephew of the late Jake L. Hamon, repub-lican national committeeman for Oklahoma.

FARE CUT PUT UF TO UTILITIES BODY

Ham Says 7 Cents Can Be Withstood if Electric Rate Is 10 Cents.

The proposition to reduce street car fares in the District by increasing rates for electric current was brought formally to the attention of the public utilities commission today, following an unsuccessful effort to have the plan considered Saturday during the street railway hearings.

"Don't shoot or shout," he warned 'the officials behind the counter. "I have a friend on guard outside who is as good a shot as you."

Cashier Fires After Him.

No sooner had the robber backed but the bank door, covering Brown as he went, than the cashier seized a revolver and ran after him.

As the robber started south on Georgia avenue Brown fired at him, and believed at first that he had hithm, but it was developed later that he missed, the traces of the bullet being found under a steps.

Running to Sherman avenue and Park road the robber stopped A. B. Clemmer of 761 Harvard street, who was passing in an automobile.

This is an amergancy case," cried the policy of the purpose of considering continuation of the existing rate of 8½ cents per kilowatt hour, told the commission that street car fares could be reduced to 7 cents if the commission that street car fares company is permitted to charge 10 cents for electric current, which is the price which formerly prevailed. Effort was made by William McK. Clayton, representing the Federation of Citizens' Associations, to have stricken from the record all reference to a 10-cent charge on the ground that the hearing was called for the purpose of considering continuation of the existing rate of 8½ cents per kilowatt hour, told the commission that street car fares could be reduced to 7 cents if the commission that street car fares company is permitted to charge 10 cents for electric current, which is the price which formerly prevailed. Effort was made by William McK. Clayton, representing the Federation of Citizens' Associations, to have stricken from the record all reference to a 10-cent charge on the ground that the hearing was called for the purpose of considering continuation of the existing rate of 8½ cents per kilowatt hour, told the commission that street car fares could be reduced to 7 cents if the commission that street car fares could be reduced to 7 cents if the commission that street car fares could be reduced to 7 cents if the commission that street car fa William F. Ham, president of the ence to a 10-cent charge on the ground that the hearing was called for the purpose of considering continuation of the existing rate pf 8½ cents. Chairman Kutz overruled the

\$2,000,000 Is Impounded.

While the Potomac Electric Power Company is collecting the old rate of 10 cents, it is impounding, under a court order, 1½ cents of every 10 cents collected. The amount impounded to date is more than \$2,000,000.

Mr. Ham stated that a 10 per cent rate would not be unreasonable, and insisted that inasmuch as the Wash ington Railway and Electric Company owns the estock of the Pepso, the commission could, with all legality and propriety, permit the power company to charge a fair rate for the service it renders, which, in the opinion of the witness, would be 10 cents, and at the same time allow the rails through the use of the electric company's revenues.

The witness stated that the suburban lines of the railway company are being operated at a loss and that this condition cannot be kept up indefinitely. Some way will have to be found, he said, to meet this loss, and the hast way apparently would.

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Clayton Questions Claim.

Mr. Ham's statement that the suburban railway lines are being operated at a loss was questioned by Mr. Clayton, who stated that the commission should investigate to determine if this is a fact. The attorney for the Federation of Citizens' Associations frequently challenged statements by Mr. Ham.

He charged the company with having appeared before the commission with the prime object in view of obtaining a 10-cent electric rate, although its petition would imply that

nated for Aeronautics Post.

Capt. William A. Moffett was nomiof power rates was not before the nmission at that time. Efforts to Block Fail.

bureau of aeronautics, with the rank of rear admiral.

Capt. Moffett is at present director of naval aviation in the bureau of operations. He is from South Carolina and entered the Navy in 1886. He was made captain in 1916 and his last sea service was as commander of the battleship Mississippi.

Efforts to Block Fall.

Today's efforts by Mr. Clayton to definitely block consideration of this proposal failed, because Chairman Kutz ruled that the petition filed by the Pepco was sufficiently broad in its terms to permit of the introduction of testimony for a ten-cent rate. The petition is so worded that doubt is created as to whether the company had in mind the eight-and-one-half-cent or the ten-cent charge when it

Will Install Storage Battery. When the hearing began today Mr. Ham made an announcement which was received with every satisfaction was received with every satisfaction by representatives of the large num-ber of business houses who were present. He said that the company had placed a contract for a storage battery to cost \$100,000, which will be installed before November in its sub-station on 10th street. This improve-ment is expected to go far in prevent-ing interruptions in the service. The ing interruptions in the service. The

company also is spending \$210,000 on improvements to the Benning plant. These improvements, together with the new storage battery, will remove the principal causes of service interruption, Mr. Ham said.

Base Plea on Figures.

An array of figures presented by Mr. Ham in the early part of his testimony formed the backbone of the company's plea for a continuation of existing rates. These showed net income during the year ended May 31. last to have been \$1,311,433.69, which is equivalent to a return on the investment of 7.64 per cent.

During this period the present 8½-cent electric rate was in effect only between September 15 and May 31, the old rate of 8 cents having been in effect prior to September 15. Mr. Ham stated that had the charge of 8½ cents applied throughout the year the company's net earnings would have been \$1,417,735.37. This would have given a return of \$.16 per cent. An array of figures presented by Mr.

The power company that situation would have obtained had the former 8-cent charge applied throughout the twelve months ended May 31. The net income would have been \$1,027,735.37, or a return on the investment of 5.91 per cent.

Biscussing operating expenses, Mr. Ham said it cost thirty-three hundredths of a cent per kilowatt to generate power at the Benning plant in 1917. In 1920 the cost had advanced to sixty-three hundredths, and in 1921 to seventy-eight hundredths. The in
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SMUTS IS FACTOR AS LEADERS SEEK IRISH SETTLEMENT

De Valera Again Meets Lloyd George and Craig Will Be Received Tonight.

PREMIER ALSO CONFERS WITH CABINET MEMBERS

Crowds Await Irish Chief's Arrival in Whitehall-Cheer Him as He Goes to Meeting.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, July 18,—The Irish situation, it was declared in responsible quarters tonight, has developed into virtually a deadlock between Premier Lloyd George and Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, and the latter has been given an opportunity to go to Belfast to see if anything can be done in the circumstances.

LONDON, July 18 .- Eamon de Vaera, the Irish republican leader, in response to an invitation by the prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, called at No. 10 Downing street, the prime minister's official residence, at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon to confer with Mr. Lloyd George on the Irish question.

Crowds again awaited the arriva of the Irish leader in Whitehall and cheered him as he entered Downing

Gen. Jan C. Smuts, the South Afri-can premier, who had a prominent part in the early informal negotia-tions which brought about the truce in Ireland and the peace conference now in progress, reappeared today as a factor in the Irish negotiations.

Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, had been at his official residence in Downing street only a short time this forenoon, after his return from the country, when Viscount Fitzalan, the loyd lieuxenest of Irislan, called

Bar Ulster Premier.

with the prime object in view of obtaining a 10-cent electric rate, although its petition would imply that it desires only a continuation of the present 8½-cent rate.

At the railway hearing before the commission Saturday Mr. Clayton was successful in preventing consideration of the plan to bolster up the railway Meanwhile the Ulster premier was maked to call at Downing street at 4:15 o'clock. Sir James Craig, it was stated, had been invited to come to Downing street arely this evening.

Meanwhile the Ulster premier was continuing his consultations with the Meanwhile the Ulster premier was continuing his consultations with the members of his cabinet, whom he called here last week. These developments were accepted in well informed quarters as indications that whatever immediate difficulty may exist lies between the prime minister and the Ulsterites, in view of the statement from de Valera's party yesterday that they did not know what Sir James was doing and that the British were dealing with him.

Editorial Comment.

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referred to the existing rates.

But the company, elsewhere in its
petition leaves no doubt as to its desire for adequate relief by praying
the commission to grant it whatever
it believes may be necessary to enable it to function efficiently.

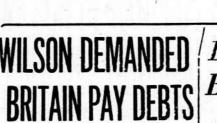
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hasten the deliberations. that the negotiations are likely to be protracted, says that Eamonn de Valera has hinted that he will have to return has hinted that he will have to return to Dublin this week to consult the Irish republican parliament after hearing from Premier Lloyd George a final exposition of the government's attitude, and that he will be unable to meet Sir James Craig, the Ulater leader, until after such a consultation. Citing another reason for delay, the same writer says that a special treasury department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already have been discussed, and adds that should any definite developments depend upon such a report they must necessarily await its completion, which would consume considerable time.

In some quarters, however, there are

In some quarters, however, there are warnings against oversanguineness, because of the many serious difficulties which yet remain to be surmounted. Another reason for these less optimistic expressions is found in a dispatch from the Herald's Dublin correspondent who save that below

a week exceeded the expectation, as A statement also was presented by each side doubted the other's power the power company head showing to control the rank and file. The what situation would have obtained



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Ex-President's Reply Lloyd George Goes Into Congressional Record.

A letter from former President Wilson to Premier Lloyd George of Britain's indebtedness to this nation United States could not consider proposals to cancel or exchange Great Britain's indebtedness to this nation, was placed in the Congressional Record today by Senator Lodge of Massa-

chusetts, republican leader. Mr. Wilson's letter, dated in October, 1920, was submitted to the Senate foreign relations comittee by former Secretary Houston. It said that "suggestions looking to the cancel-lation or exchange" were made to the former president in Paris. The communications apparently was the reply to the British premier's letter made public last week in the Senate communication apparently was the Urged Funding of Debt.

Expressing "confident expectation of the payment in due course," Mr. Wilson added:
"It is felt that the funding of these demand obligations of the British government will do more to strengthen the friendly relatinos between America and Great Britain than would any other course of dealing with the other course of dealing with th

CONGRESS AUTHORITY ASKED.

Secretary Mellon Urges Sanction for Loan Refunding.

Secretary Mellon told the Senate finance committee today he thought it impracticable to begin negotiations for refunding allied loans without congressional authority to conclude congressional authority to conclude them. Reference to Congress for ap-proval of terms of settlement ar-ranged would materially embarrass the government and delay the nego-tiations, he said, continuing his argument for the administration's bill to ment for the administration's bill to give the Treasury blanket powers. "Review by Congress will make it difficult to come to any kind of a conclusion," Secretary Mellon de-clared. "When the debtor government knows the negotiations may be nullified, such negotiations would be in-terminable."

Turkish Bonds Questioned. "Any suggestion of the substitution of Turkish bonds for French bonds?" asked Senator La Follette, republican, plans,

plans," Assistant Secretary Wads-worth, who accompanied Mr. Mellon, replied.
"Has there been any correspondence or negotiations with reference to our (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)



Practical police common sense vs. scientific criminology.

Which wins?

Read the answer in this gripping new daily serial beginning in The Star

Thursday, July 21.

100 Dormitory Women Made Ill; Blame Food; 40 Confined to Bed

About one hundred women residing the government hotels hospital, pointeffects of what is believed to have been bad food. About forty of them are confined to their beds today, the others having recovered sufficiently to return to work. None of the women is in a serious condition.

Crab salad and ice cream, served to the 2000 women living in the downing.

the 2,060 women living in the dormi-tories at dinner Friday evening, are believed to have poisoned the one hun-dred to a certain degree, according to health department authorities, who made a thorough investigation of the mane a thorough investigation of the case. The sickness did not develop until yesterday morning, when a number of the women applied at the infirmary at the hotels for treatment, while others called in private physi-

Samples of the food eaten by the chief food inspector, and were turned over to the health department labora-tory for analysis. The food included crab salad, ice cream, roast pork, liver and plums. Ptomaine Symptoms.

Mr. Wilson's letter said that the position of the United States had not were taken ill, it is said, had symptoms and "it is not prepared to toms of ptomaine poisoning. Health consent to the remission of any partial department authorities."

Cites Previous Instances.

Miss Thomas declared that frequent-

The crab salad and ice cream were served at Friday's dinner. The traditional belief that ice cream and crabs when eaten at the same meal would not digest was discounted by Miss Thomas. She explained that many persons eat clam chowder, fish showder and other sea foods prepared in milk, with no ill effects. She also pointed out that the dietitian at the hotels is an expert and would not have meals served that would endanger the health of the women living there.

consent to the remission of any part of the debt of Great Britain to the United States."

Mr. Wilson, it appeared, urged Lloyd George to fund the debt, saying that if this was not done embarrassment of the Treasury would necessitate steps to collect unpaid interest.

Predicted Closer Relations.

Expressing "confident expectation of the payment in due course," Mr. Wilson added:

"It is felt that the funding of these demand obligations of the British government will do more to strengthen the friendly relatinos between America and Great Britain than would any in the consent to the remission of the point and the friendly relatinos between America and Great Britain than would any in the consent to the remission of the political in charge of the government will do more to strengthen the friendly relatinos between America and Great Britain than would any in the consent to the department authorities, however, have health officer. expressed the belief that the illness of the due to some condition of the food, which will take several days.

Officials in charge of the government by interest the illness being caused by intention that the food served the women Friday was absolutely pure and prepared under the direction of an expert dictitan.

Miss Mary M. Thomas, one of the other hand, he indicated that the crabmeat may have been in fected. For the constant in the chemists.

Dr. Fowler said that some of the germs may have been in the ice cream which caused the illness. On the other hand, he indicated that the crabmeat may have been infected. Toast beef, liver and plums which were served at meals on Saturday.

'PIRATE MYSTERY" | FRAUD IS CHARGED BELIEVED CLEARED

Strange Ships Declared to Conspiracy Alleged in Sup-Be Those of Whisky "Blockade Runners."

By the Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 18 .-Pirate yarns and reports of mysterious ships seen lurking along the trade lanes of the North Atlantic may be explained by the discovery of "blockade runners" that have been landing cargoes of contraband liquor on the Jersey coast, in the opinion of revenue agents in this district.

In maritime circles stories have been told of strange vessels approaching merchantmen on the open seas, as though prepared to attack, and then dashing off into the darkness without business of the taxpayer for a percentage of the amount which he swering code signals. It was even suggested that these specterlike craft

actions on the high seas was brought about through the seizure of whisky valued at \$20,000 which is said to have been landed along a cove near Wild-wood, N. J., from an alleged "mystery

ship."
Several days before the liquor was discovered and confiscated an unidentiged steamer was seen maneuvering just outside the three-mile limit off Wildwood. Revenue cutters were sent to watch it. The vessel disappeared, but not before, officials think, it had discharged a cargo of whisky thad discharged a cargo of whisky.

Prohibition officers declared today
they are confident smuggling of intoxicants on this coast is being conducted on a tremendous scale. Cargoes worth vast fortunes are believed to have been brought from foreign to have been brought from foreign countries, transferred to small boats at night and cached in unfrequented

Transferred at Sea. It is thought probable that the "blockade runners" also have transferred their illegal cargoes to vessels bearing authoritative clearance papers. This, the officers say, would account for the strange actions of the "mystery ships." Their explanation

"The captain of the liquor-laden vessel is instructed to meet another vessel, bound for an American port, vessel, bound for an American port, at a given point along the coast and transfer his liquor, which can then be landed with a legitimate cargo. When the 'runner' reaches the rendezvous it approaches various vessels, and failing to get the proper signal, hurries off to prevent discovery."

IN TAX RETURNS

posed Violation of Confidential Information.

Hugh B. Sorrells, section unit auditor of the trading section of the income tax bureau, and George W. pert on income matters, were indicted today by the federal grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States. They are alleged to have entered into an agreement to violate the confidential charges. richt have returned by the governmight have returned by the govern-

men.
The indictment sets forth that it was the duty of Sorrells under the law and the regulations of the Treasury Department to audit and determine the explanation of such unusual the explanation of such unusual whether there had been added to the law and to decide whether there had been and to decide whether there had been an excess or deficit in the amount payable. Under the law it was also his duty to pre-serve and keep inviolate such returns and all information gained by him and not to divulge or publish such infor-mation in any manner save as stated mation in any manner save as stated in the law and regulations.

Conspiracy Charged.

Sutton, it is stated, held himself out as an expert in income tax matters, and November 15 last, it is alleged, conspired with Sorrells to divulge to him the names and addresses of persons who had paid excess taxes and to whom a rebate was due. The indictment charges that Sutton, with the information so obtained, went to Baitimore November 20 last, and conferred with the Wagner Bros. Company and secured employment to obtain a rebate of tax for the corporation.

Henry G. Weston, former chief of Henry G. Weston, former chief of the personal service section of the income tax bureau, and George E. Dombhart and Charles A. Bondeson, former employes of the bureau, were also indicted today for conspiracy to defraud the United States. Dombhart and Bondeson were also indicted for bribery of a public official, and Weston, in another indictment, is charged with receiving a bribe to infinfluence his action as a government officer.

Leave Government Service

"I understand that your committee

made the women sick it was eaten by them on picnics and outings attended by them over the week end. She said that the crab salad was served to several of the patients in the hospital, who suffered no ill effects from it.

House. I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that your committee will take note of the foreign policy to which we are already committed, under which the government is doing every consistent thing to encourage the participation of American citizens in the development of the tee will take note of the foreign pol-ley to which we are already commit-ted, under which the government is doing every consistent thing to en-courage the participation of American citizens in the development of the oil resources in many foreign lands. This course has been inspired by the Miss Thomas declared that frequently many of the women returning from picnics and outings over the week end during the warm weather have reported at the hospital for treatment for intestinal trouble. She made light of the outbreak of illness at the dormitories, pointing out that such an incident occurred last summer, although not as serious as the present one.

This course has been inspired by the growing concern of our country over the supply of crude oil to which we may turn for our future needs, not in meeting the needs of our Navy and our merchant marine.

"To levy a protective tariff on crude petroleum now would be at variance with all that has been done to safeguard our future interests.

Dying Engineer

Makes Vain Effort

ALTOONA, Pa., July 18.—Alva G. Laughlin, fifty-five, of Al-toonn, engineer of Pennsylvania

toons, engineer of Pennsylvania train No. 18, Chicago mail east, died with his hand on the throt-tle as his train was passing Wilmore, Cambria county, at 7:35 o'clock last night. En-gineer Laughlin apparently felt himself sinking, as he made a value effort to shut off the power and bring his train to a stop.

and bring his train to a stop. Fireman Theodore Ritchey sav Laughlin sink back and stretch

ed over the prostrate engineer to reach the throttle and half the train.

HARDING OIL NOTE

IS READ IN HOUSE

President's Plea Against

Duty Made Public—Fordney

Holds Up Second Letter.

President Harding's letter of

opposing the imposition of a duty on

crude petroleum and fuel oil and sug-

guard against the levy of duties

cublished versions of the communi-

To Stop His Train

guard our future interests.
"I am not unmindful of the oil industry within our own borders, and "I am not unmindful of the oil in-dustry within our own borders, and most cordially believe in its proper consideration.
"Would it not be practical to pro-vide for such protection in some barvide for such provision which may be placed in the hands of the executive so that he may guard against the levy of duties against us or the imposition by other nations of export tariffs which are designed to hinder the facilitation of trade which is essential to our welfare?

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At 1:45 o'clock it was announced at the office of John J. McKelvey, Pittstoircumstances. I hope your committee will find it consistent to give considuate the first of the strong of th

Wants Second Note Read.

Referring to the President's letter,
Representative Byrnes, democrat, of
South Carolina, told the House that
Mr. Fordney should not deny "the
advice contained in the second communication, inasmuch as certain of the
newspapers were able to use it." He
letter time the guards had been
strengthened at the gates of the
prison, and all except policemen and
deputy sheriffs were being rigidly excluded, so that no statement of what
was going on within the walls could
be obtained. It appeared, however, Referring to the President's letter, tude truly represented public opinion. and that it was supported by a ma-jority of the House.
"If this tax is allowed to remain in the bill," Mr. Byrnes continued, "it

will be a great disappointment not only to the President, but to the shipping and railroad interests and the users of thousands of motor trucks and the vast industries using oil for fuel. It certainly can be construed in no other way than to mean the ultimate exhaustion of our own sup-

Representative McKenzie, republican, Illinois, also opposed the tax, saying he believed that to put a tax on natural resources was carrying protection a step too far. He attacked the lumber provisions of the bill for the same reasons and added that he hoped the Senate would remove all such items from the measure

have entered into an agreement to proposition, and added that it was "a straken through the Doer special poor sporting proposition to demand paratus also was sent. Great volume to legislation to aid gamblers," of smoke rising from the inclosure tax returns. Sorrells is alleged to have furnished Sutton to all gamblers.

Today's News in Paragraphs

Text of President's letter opposing oil tariff read in House; second note with-held. held.

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Woman and clergyman among victims of tar and feathers; farmer also beaten. Gen. Pershing seeks closer co-operation of all U. S. military forces. Page 3 Resigns as Head of Cash Register Senate committee's report divided on Sims-Daniels controversy. Page 3

Official inquiry revived into murder of H. G. Hemming, New York broker.

Jane Addams elected

District Commissioners explain action in employing architects on school work.

1,500 PRISONERS IN RIOT OUTBREAK TRAPPED BY FIRE

TWO CENTS.

Ten Buildings Destroyed in Disorders at Pennsylvania Penitentiary.

INMATES HELD BY FLAMES FACE RIFLES OF GUARDS

Shrieks of Men Battling for Safety Heard-Definite Details of Trouble Unavailable. By the Associated Press.
PITTSBURGH, July 18.—A reported

outbreak of prisoners in the Western penitentiary on the Ohio river here was followed soon after noon today by fire, which quickly destroyed ten June 30 to Chairman Fordney of the frame factory buildings within the

House ways and means committee Six were severely injured. The cause of today's outbreak was said by one of the guards to have origisaid by one of the guards to have originated in a party of 250 men and thirty women who were recently sent here from the Eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia. They complained, he said, that they were not allowed certain privileges which had been accorded them in the east.

At 2:30 o'clock the fire companies began leaving and it was apparent that gesting a bargaining provision "to against us," was presented to the House today by Mr. Fordney. The text differed materially from recently

rublished versions of the communication, and in reply to questions Mr. Fordney said there was another letter from the President, which he did not propose to read.

Text of President's Letter.

The text of the President's letter of June 30 follows:

"I understand that your committee

ever, that penitentiary guards. About one hundred women residing at the government hotels hospital, point at the government hotels on the Union Station and Senate plazas were taken suddenly ill yesterday from the Prisoners Held at Bay. A peep through one of the prison gates showed a party of Pittsburgh detectives with drawn revolvers facing a great crowd of prisoners in the yard. The men appeared to be in great terror from the flames which raged back of them. So far as could be seen none of them was armed.

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Meantime, the flames had crept along
the Ohio river side and many prisoners confined in cells there shattered the glass in the windows and shricked for help. Two watch towers on the walls were attacked by the fire and quickly consumed. Persons in the street could distinctly

Persons in the street could distinctly hear the shrieks and groans of the imprisoned men and it was reported that a number had been hurt and taken to the first aid hospital in a section of the prison remote from where the fire raged. Many citizens offered their services to the authorities and were added to Sheriff authorities and were added to Sheriff Haddock's force,

Medical Aid Rushed. Many prisoners were removed from the south wing, where the fire started. Soon afterward the great crowd, which by this time had surrounded three sides of the prison, believed they heard a series of shots and the

subsided.
At 1:45 o'clock it was announced at the office of John J. McKelvey, Pittsburgh director of charities, that he had just sent five city physicians to the penitentiary in response to a call for medical aid. A number of ambulances reached the prison about 1:30 nm

be obtained. It appeared, however, that the fire was under control. Five Riot Alarms.

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Five that alarms were turned in to the police and fire departments from the penitentiary at 12:35 o'clock. The buildings are located on the Ohio river in the lower part of the old city of Allegheny.

Nine fire companies immediately responded to the alarms and police re-Nine fire companies immediately responded to the alarms and police reserves were hurried to the penitentiary. Telephone communication with the institution was temporarily cut off. Fire records show that all the alorms were sent from a fire box inside the penitentiary.

Col. C. A. Rook, a member of the board of penitentiary managers and publisher of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, was notified by telephone from the penitentiary that

the penitentiary that a riot was in progress and the buildings had beer

Cordon of Police. of smoke rising from the inclosure indicated that the broom factory was rapidly being destroyed. Sheriff W. S. Haddock answered a call

from the office of John Francies with ten deputies, armed with riot guns. Every available policeman was sent by Robert Alderdice, director of public safety, to reinforce the men already on duty, while the penitentiary guards were mobilized within the walls. The Western penitentiary contains a population of between 1,200 and 1,500 prisoners, some of them sent there by federal courts and the remainder from

One thousand five hundred prisoners in Pennsylvania penitentiary in riot trapped by fire. Page 1 standing in the prison are sent, leaving the most desperate characters in the in-stitutions here.

also J. H. PATTERSON RETIRES.

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Page 3 and general manager of the National Cable boat saves 329 from steamer on rocks in St. Lawrence. Page 8 Haywood in clash with American communist delegates at third internationale meeting. Page 9 Four negroes slain in pitched battle with Louisiana posse. Page 10 Five hundred more chances for District youths in August training camp.

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VIENNA, July 16 .- Premier N. P. Dombhart and Bonderson, according to the indictments, left the employ of the government in the fall of 1919 (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

President to attend ter-centennial celebration at Plymouth. Page 13 ill and his life is despaired of, according to reports received here from Dakote I. W. W. Saint.